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## **MAN SENTENCED TO 72 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT FOR DISTRIBUTING AND RECEIVING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

**RE: UNITED STATES v. THOMAS POOLE**

Michael A. Battle, the United States Attorney for the Western District of New York, announced that Thomas Poole, age 49, of 42 Lafayette Avenue, Geneva, New York, was sentenced to 72 months in prison and fined \$750 by United States District Court Judge David G. Larimer in connection with his guilty plea on December 22, 2004 to distributing and receiving child pornography in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(2), which charges a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 5 years and a maximum term of imprisonment of 20 years, a \$250,000 fine, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard A. Resnick, who handled the case, stated that the defendant was a member of a group called "MyTwo" which traded in child pornography. The defendant posted numerous child pornography images to this group. On February 12,

2004, the defendant's home was searched and several computers and hard drives were seized. An analysis of just a portion of one of the defendant's hard drives was completed and was found to contain approximately 1,900 images of child pornography and 300 movies containing child pornography, including pre-pubescent children. Further, some of the images contained sadistic conduct and depictions of violence.

The charges in this case were the culmination of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter Ahearn.

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